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Young River People's Council Newsletter



**Cianna Dallas, Councilman Dallas
and Alyssa Andrews**



**Sommer Lopez, Cianna Dallas
and Alyssa Andrews**

YRPC hosts Northern Arizona University Tour with Community Youth

This first Friday of November I was privileged to go to the Northern Arizona University tour with the Young River People's Youth Council, Salt River's Higher Ed department, Salt River High School and Youth Services. I had a great time at this event, it was interesting, educational, and beneficial to me. Currently I am a sophomore at Mountain View high school, so I am thinking about what college I should attend. Visiting NAU was great because I got to learn about what programs the school provides, what careers I could pursue if I go there, and everything I need to know about attending NAU. I'm not 100 percent sure about what I'm going to do in the future, but I know I want to get an education. I think college tours are very important to have, especially for those that don't think they'll ever make it to college. It really opens your eyes to see college life right in front of you, imagining yourself there as a student. I'm glad Councilman Dallas joined us this day. It shows that our Tribal Leadership support us and want to see us succeed. I'd like to thank the Children's Foundation for funding this trip for us, and hopefully in the future we'll all get degrees to give back to the Community.
—Sommer Lopez,

On November 3rd the YRPC as well as other community youth attended the NAU College tour to encourage students to become college bound. This event was an aspiration of mine that I've wanted to accomplish for the year. I've been lucky enough to have the support from our community to fulfill my goal. During this trip we learned a lot about the college and what programs it has to offer to Native students. NAU provided us with breakfast, lunch, a goodie bag and information about their most popular fields of study. Overall it was a great experience and it I feel that it helped a lot of youth from our community get a better understanding of what it means to be a college student. These kinds of experiences are crucial development points that put our youth onto a bright path." — Alyssa Andrews



Auditorium Presentations

**Special Thank you to the Children's Foundation for
making this possible!**



**YRPC joins FINAL for
Thanksgiving Dinner**



The YRPC has been working with other Youth Council's in the valley. One of them is the Future Inspired Native American Leaders (FINAL) Youth Council from Phoenix. FINAL invited YRPC to their Thanksgiving Dinner to enjoy fellowship together. The event was shared with new memories and new friendships. The YRPC is looking forward to continuing our new friendship by hosting a wellness event in the coming year! - **Dione Dallas**

On Nov. 10th 2017, the YRPC took a trip to California to spend the day at Six Flags, Magic Mountain. Throughout the year, we fundraise to go on an incentive trip. This trip allowed us to regroup with our fellow youth council members and our advisor. We appreciate Martha Martinez for helping chaperone. We also got to see some of Hollywood and before we headed home we went to the beach. Some of us had never been to the beach and most of us had never been to Six Flags, this was a great trip and was fun for all. -**Ramon Lopez**



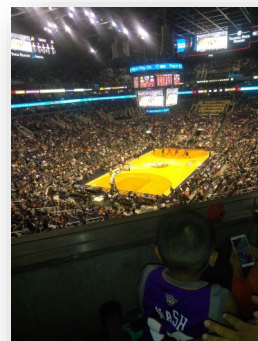
YRPC at Six Flags



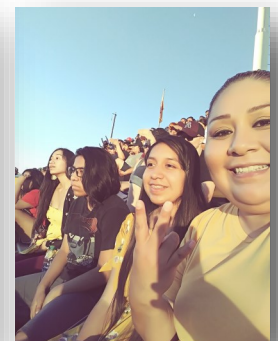
YRPC Toka Team

The YRPC volunteered at the Kickball with the Cops events. The youth informed children how to say no to drugs, bullies and how to avoid gangs. After the presentations, we played kickball and had hot dogs and hamburgers together. This was a great experience for our youth council because we got to know and bond with our police officers. —**Cianna Dallas**

The Youth Council was gifted Phoenix Suns suite tickets from Casino Arizona! IT was a nice break for me to sit back and watch a basketball game, which I attended with my family. The suite was filled with a hotdog dinner and seating areas. The view was great! I really appreciate the tickets. I hope to experience something like this again. Once again thank you to Casino Arizona! -**Nalani Lopez.**



**Lopez Family at
Sun's Game**



**Schurz family at
ASU Game**

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